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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-captioned patent application, kindly enter the following amendment.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

*Kindly replace Claims 10-17, and add new Claims 10-17, as follows.*

10. The planographic printing plate of claim 6, wherein the recording layer comprises a negative recording layer, the negative recording layer including an infrared absorbing agent, compounds that release an acid or radical by heat, and compounds that form crosslinks or polymerize due to the acid or radical.